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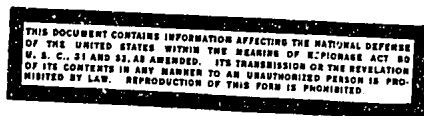
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NEW MEDICAL INSTITUTE AT SEMIPALATINSK

The Five-Year Plan for the Development of the National Economy of the USSR provides for an increase in the number of physicians which will amount to not less than 25 percent.

The Ministry of Public Health USSR opens new higher educational institutions every year in various areas of the USSR. The first students have already been admitted to the Blagoveshchensk Medical Institute. Next year [1953] the new medical institute at Semipalatinsk will begin its activities.

In an interview given to our correspondent, Assistant Minister of Public Health USSR, A. Z. Belousov stated: "The rapid economic development in regions of the country which have been backward hitherto presents the organs of public health with new tasks of great responsibility. First, the number of higher medical educational institutions in the Eastern USSR must be increased. This will help to assure that the therapeutic-prophylactic institutions of Siberia, the Far East, and Central Asia will obtain their own cadres of qualified physicians. Particular attention will be paid to the training of medical workers who are members of the local populations. It is characteristic that at the Karaganda Medical Institute, which was opened 2 years ago, more than half of the first-course students are of Kazakh nationality.

"Next year, 300 students will be admitted to the first course of the Semipalatinsk Institute. It is planned to select these students primarily from Semipalatinsk, eastern Kazakhstan, and Pavlodar oblasts.

"The new educational institution will be located at the former physiotherapy institute, the prosthetic appliances plant, and several medical institutions of the city. All buildings taken over by the institute will be redecorated entirely.

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"A considerable sum has been assigned for construction of a 150-bed clinical hospital, a dormitory for students, and a dwelling for instructors and professors. Furthermore, three eight-apartment buildings will be assigned for the use of professors and instructors in the beginning of 1953. Laboratory equipment and visual means of instruction models are being secured for the chairs of the institute.

"The founding of the Semipalatinsk Institute, which is the third higher medical educational institution of Kazakhstan, will raise the quality of the medical service given to the population of Semipalatinsk Oblast and adjacent oblasts."

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